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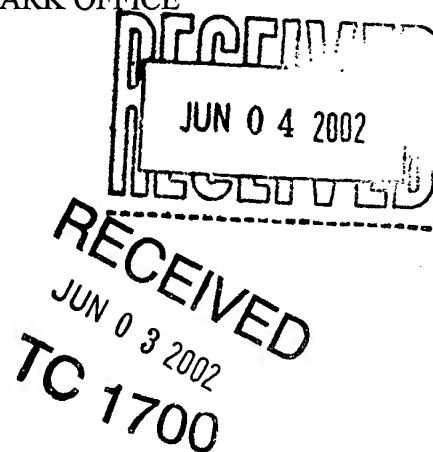
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For: LIQUID PHASE GROWTH)
PROCESS, LIQUID PHASE)
GROWTH SYSTEM AND)
SUBSTRATE MEMBER)
PRODUCTION METHOD)

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Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,603,762
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,190,937 B1
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,258,698 B1
- (4) Japan 7-315983
- (5) Japan 10-189924
- (6) "Liquid Phase Epitaxy Of Magnetic Garnets"

Reference (4) is discussed at page 8 of the specification, reference (5) at pages 2 and 31 of the specification, and reference (6) at page 31 of the specification. Reference (1) is believed to be an English-language counterpart of reference (4), and reference (2) an English-language counterpart of reference (5). English-language abstracts for references (4) and (5) are enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
10/022,545	December 20, 2001	1762

A copy of the cited Application is enclosed. It is believed that foreign counterparts to this U.S. application might have already been published, and these published counterparts might themselves be available as prior art.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449.

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